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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 190-ME-52964

✓ 225 North Humphreys Blvd.,
Suite 3000
Memphis, Tennessee 38120-2107
July 14, 1999

Mr. Ernie Lazar
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Dear Mr. Lazar:

This letter is in further reference to your request for information concerning Robert B. Snowden.

A search of the automated and manual indices to the central records system maintained in Memphis revealed Mr. Snowden has not been the subject of an FBI investigation. Enclosed, however, is a copy of a cross reference responsive to your request which has been reviewed under current classification standards.

A cross reference is defined as a mention of your subject in a file on another individual, organization, event, activity, or the like. In processing the cross reference, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention your subject and any additional pages showing the context in which your subject was mentioned.

Pursuant to your request, two pages were reviewed and two pages are being released. Excisions have been made from these pages in order to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552: (b)(2), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(D). See OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.

Notations have been made in the margins of the enclosed pages indicating specific exemptions applied to excised portions of the material.

If you desire, you may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D. C. 20530, within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the name of the office to which your original request was directed.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS BERNARD LOCKE
Special Agent in Charge

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George W. Bolts IV". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "B".

By:

GEORGE W. BOLDS, IV
Chief Division Counsel

Enclosures - 2

SAC, DALLAS (157-50)

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SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-32)

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)
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b7c
Re Memo of SA [redacted] to SAC, Dallas
11/15/67, captioned [redacted] Dallas file [redacted]

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Referenced memo advised that [redacted] b7D

On 12/8/67, [redacted] b7c
[redacted] advised that he is a personal friend of
ROBERT S. SNOWDEN. He said that SNOWDEN is 60 years of age
and he has known SNOWDEN since 1919. [redacted] explained
that SNOWDEN is a very wealthy individual, owning 1,200
acres of excellent farm land at Horseshoe Lake near Hutto.
He said that SNOWDEN maintains a residence on this farm.

[redacted] advised that SNOWDEN owns a [redacted]
Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, and maintains a [redacted]
hotel where he stays several days a week. He further advised
that SNOWDEN also owns considerable other business property
in the City of Memphis.

[redacted] advised that SNOWDEN is a loyal American
who considers himself as a patriot, but he could furnish no
information regarding any organizations with which SNOWDEN is
affiliated.

A review of Little Rock files regarding SNOWDEN
reflects the following:

- 2 - Dallas
 - 1 - Memphis (Info)
 - 1 - Little Rock
- GBS:lrc
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In 1960, SNOWDEN organized in Memphis, Tennessee, an organization known as "Survival USA." According to literature regarding this group it is an organization established by SNOWDEN for the sole purpose of enlightening the public to the communist encirclement and infiltration of our country. He has also been active in the "Campaign for 48 States," an organization which purports to be a conservative political group. SNOWDEN has the reputation of being extremely conservative and extremely anti-communist.

On March 28, 1960, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] was arrested by the Pine Bluff Police Department. The following notation was observed in an address book found in the personal effects of [REDACTED]

"R. B. SNOWDEN, Hughes, Arkansas, Falls
Building, Memphis, Campaign for 48 States."

An article appearing in the Arkansas Gazette, a daily Little Rock, Arkansas, newspaper, dated 3/27/61, on page 1a, captioned "We're Growing Fast in State, John Birch Member Claims." This article reflects interview with ROBERT B. SNOWDEN of Hughes, Arkansas, who stated that he was one of the original founders and was a friend of the top man of the John Birch Society. According to the article, SNOWDEN stated that the John Birch Society was "growing like wild fire in his part of the state."

An information copy of this letter is furnished to Memphis in view of SNOWDEN's affiliation with that city.